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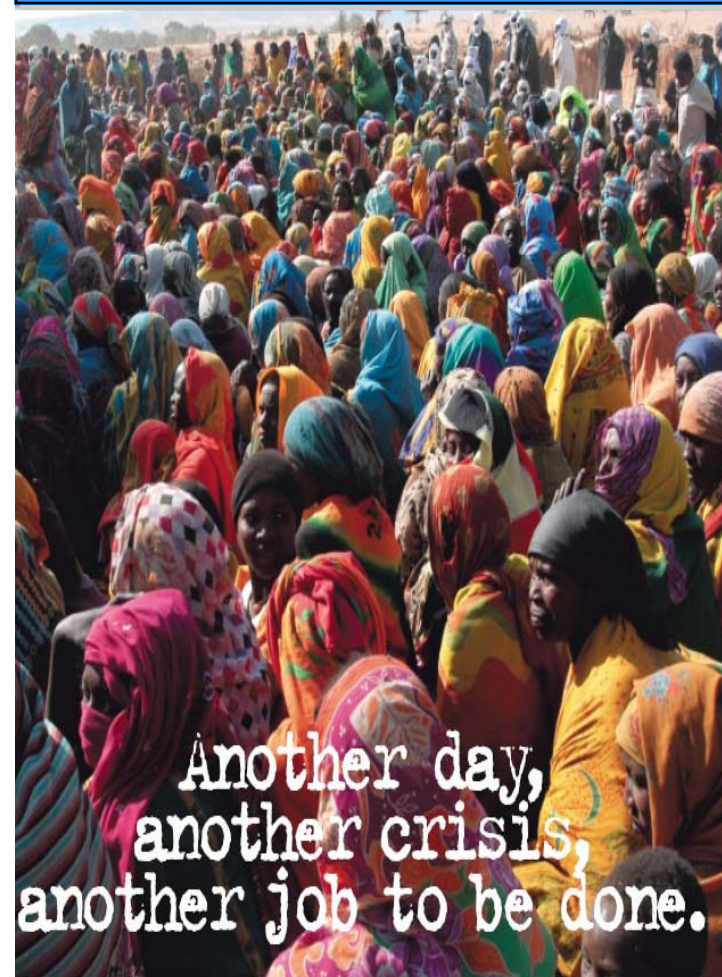
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## Phoenix Commemorates World Refugee Day 2007



Chad- 120,000 displaced Chadians. 230,000 refugees from Darfur. All in desperate need of food, water and shelter. It's another working day for our staff on the spot. With more than 20 million refugees to assist and protect, we need help. Big help. From governments, organisations and foundations. And you. [www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org)



# World Refugee Day 2007

**A New Home, A New Life**

## Who is a refugee?

Pursuant to the Refugee Act of 1980, the United States defines a refugee as a person who is unable to return to his or her country of origin because of a well-founded fear of persecution, based on their race, religion, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

Refugees have survived the worst kinds of inhumanity and injustice. It is the historic policy of the United States to admit such refugees of special humanitarian concern, reflecting our core values and our tradition of being a safe haven for the oppressed. Refugees undergo a rigorous screening process before receiving approval for resettlement in the U.S., and must prove to the satisfaction of U.S. authorities that they do, in fact, meet the definition of a refugee. Refugees must undergo a stringent background check, a medical examination, and receive sponsorship from one of ten national voluntary agencies before being admitted to the U.S. Since 2001, approximately 4% of refugees admitted to the U.S. have found safety and freedom in Arizona - with about 85% and 15% resettling in

the Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas respectively.

## What is World Refugee Day?

The United Nations General Assembly designated June 20th of each year as World Refugee Day to recognize and celebrate the contribution of refugees throughout the world. Since then, World Refugee Day has become an annual commemoration marked by a variety of events in over a hundred countries. This year's theme, "A New Home, A New Life" focuses on the United States' proud tradition of welcoming refugees and the many contributions they bring to communities across America. The United States continues to be the single largest refugee resettlement country in the world.

## Phoenix Celebrates World Refugee Day?

In tribute to refugees in Arizona, and their contributions, and to celebrate the significance of this year's focus on refugee resettlement, special events are being planned by the 2007 Arizona World Refugee Day Committee.

We welcome your participation and support in making this a special World Refugee Day commemoration.

**Join us Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Phoenix College Bulpitt Auditorium for an evening of live ethnic musical performances, refugee testimonials and more. The festivities begin at 5:00 PM.**

For more information on World Refugee Day events in Phoenix visit [AZRAC.org](http://AZRAC.org).



Phoenix College Bulpitt Auditorium  
(15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Thomas Road)